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# Rest, My Dear

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- This is a painting of one of my best friends, Heba. It is from a night when a couple of us were hanging out at my house in high school. Heba was resting on my bed while we were talking and she was caught totally unaware when the picture was taken. She is Muslim (we both are) and Egyptian. Her religion is very important to her, as you can see by the fact she is wearing her hijab. She was so beautiful that I had to paint her. Though she is completely covered, the picture shows her in a state of such ease and relays a sense of unguardedness that is hard to capture. These factors contribute to her radiating beauty.

## *REST, MY DEAR*



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